



Consolidated Pharmaceutical Group, Inc. Removal Site Brooklyn, Anne Arundel County, Maryland



– EPA Begins Removal Action –

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Consolidated Pharmaceutical Group (CPG) Removal Site...

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Anne Arundel County, is overseeing the removal of an estimated 50,000 gallons of potentially hazardous materials, located in a closed, former antibiotics-manufacturing facility in Brooklyn Park, MD. The various drums, tanks and containers on site have been deemed a potential fire threat and safety hazard due to their flammable contents, leaky condition, and unsafe storage.

One area of the facility, called the “tank farm,” holds about 20 tanks, ranging in size from 8,000 to 33,000 gallons. Approximately 10 of those tanks contain hazardous materials, and one contains fuel oil for heating uses. Other areas hold drums and various-sized containers of both liquid and dry materials. Materials of concern include hydrochloric and sulfuric acids, acetonitrile, solvents, alcohols, corrosives, and large quantities of antibiotics.

Cleanup Work Begins...

EPA has issued an “Action Memo,” which is a document outlining federal authority and funding to conduct a hazardous site cleanup. Upcoming removal work will include:

- Establishing a 24-hour fire watch at the facility,
- Sampling the various substances left onsite, specifically those in unmarked containers,
- Removing the hazardous materials for proper disposal, and
- Cleaning out the tanks and containers onsite.

Removal activities should take approximately two to four months to complete, pending weather. Work plans and schedules will be reviewed to help ensure that the Removal Action is done effectively, efficiently, and safely.

What You May Notice...

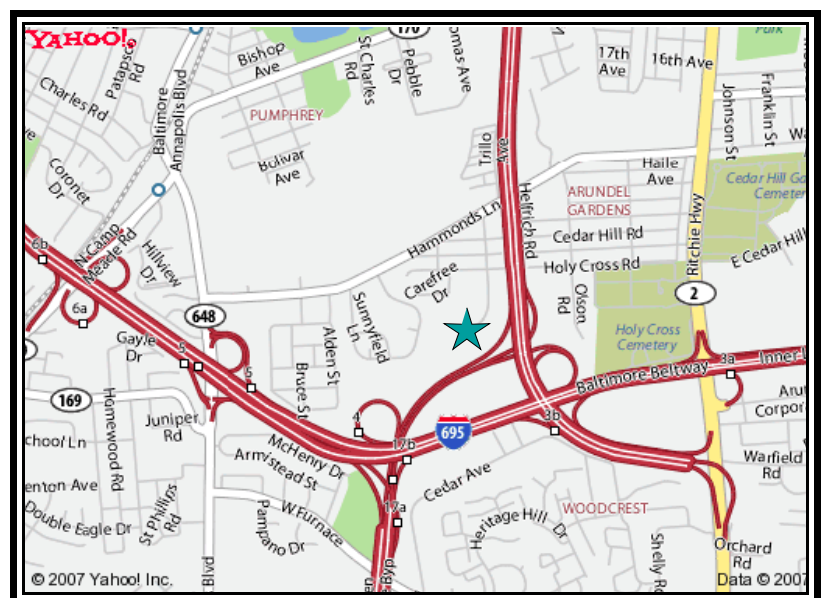
The workers onsite may be wearing some or all of the following personal protective equipment:

- plastic, zipper coveralls with hood,
- plastic cover booties and gloves,
- breathing masks,
- hard hats, and
- safety goggles.

Protective gear is a requirement for onsite workers due to the close proximity of potentially hazardous materials throughout the workday. It will not be necessary for nearby residents to wear similar equipment.

Next Steps...

- ✓ A work plan and schedule will be submitted to EPA for approval;
- ✓ The fire alarm system will be repaired and inspected by the fire department for approval; and
- ✓ Products, such as acetone, will be shipped off-site to other manufacturing companies, for reuse.



★ = CPG Site General Area

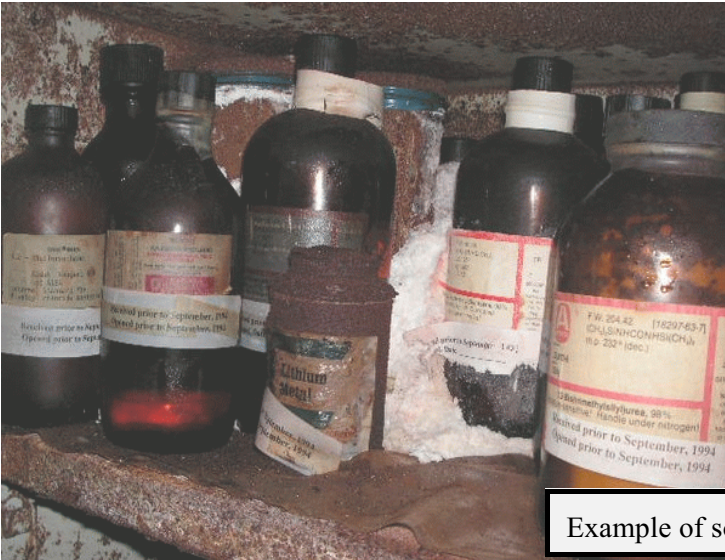
Background...

In May 2007, EPA accompanied state officials on a site investigation, where various containers were noted to pose a substantial fire threat and safety hazard. Since then, both MDE and EPA have been working with Consolidated Pharmaceutical Group, Inc. to address these threats. The property owners are pursuing disposal options as well as reuse options, where the materials would be sold to other companies thereby reducing both the waste stream and costs of removal activities.

The former antibiotics manufacturing facility ceased operation in the late 1990s. Portions of the site have been cleaned up by the owners, however not all of the hazardous materials have been removed.

Areas of the Site that have been cleaned up recently include:

- ▶ Laboratory that held hundreds of bottles of chemicals, many of which were in poor condition.
- ▶ Various containers of lab wastes that were found in the warehouse, and
- ▶ Former maintenance shop, that held a few containers of oil, solvents, paints, and other maintenance related materials.



Example of some of the chemical containers removed from the lab.

Areas of the Site that have not been cleaned up yet include:

- ▶ tank farm area,
- ▶ drum storage area (several rooms inside the building), and
- ▶ warehouse area.

For More Information

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